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GEORGE H. LOCKE,
CHIEF LIBRARIAN

EDWARD S. CASWELL,
SECRETARY-TREASURER

March 16th, 1915.

President R.A. Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
T o r o n t o.

Dear Dr. Falconer;

As perhaps you know I have some seventy-two girls in the Public Libraries, twenty-five of whom are College graduates. A few of these College graduates came to me recently to ask if there is any way by which they might be allowed to take advantage of the swimming lessons at the Lillian Massey building. Having now graduated from the University, they find that some of the privileges they used to have, are theirs no longer.

I am wondering whether there could be any arrangement made whereby some of my girls might have this advantage?

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Locke

March 18th, 1915

Dr. G. H. Locke,

Librarian, Toronto Public Library,

Toronto.

Dear Dr. Locke:

I will take up the request that you send me for the granting of the privilege to some of your Library Assistants of having swimming instruction in the Household Science Building. I am to be away in Chicago for the next few days, but I hope to see Dr. Macdonald, the Chairman of the Property Committee. It may be difficult to make exceptions in favour of those who are not in some way connected with the University, but personally I am inclined to regard the Public Library as in close affiliation with us, and I should like to arrange, if possible, to allow some advantage to our graduates who are serving you.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 26th, 1915

Dr. G. H. Locke,

Librarian, Toronto Public Library.

My dear Dr. Locke:

On inquiries I find that there will be no heating in the buildings after the first of May so that the swimming lessons will cease at that date. This will leave only a month for your clerks. Also Mr. Corsan our swimming instructor leaves on Monday morning. Miss Coventry, however, says that though she is not an expert in swimming she would be glad to give a certain amount of instruction and oversight. Miss Coventry says that she has refused a great many applications from others who are not connected with the University, but I do not see that the granting of the use of the pool to your staff would involve us in difficulties, because we refuse it to a score of affiliated institution which is centering very advantageously upon the University. I have not made any inquiries as to what the cost would be, but the building would have to be opened, and Miss Coventry would require a certain amount of remuneration. If your staff think it worth while to have the use of it for the month of April I will be glad to make further inquiries.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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May 12th, 1915.

Dr. R.A. Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
T o r o n t o.

Dear Dr. Falconer:

Some time ago this Spring I wrote you concerning the fact that I had about thirty girls in my Libraries who were graduates of the University, and who were anxious to take advantage of the swimming privileges in the Lillian Massey Building.

You were kind enough to reply to me that we could make arrangements for the end of the Season if we wished, but that it might be well to take it up at the beginning of the year. I thought that perhaps now would be the time, when you were making arrangements for the Fall, and my girls would like to organize a class of twenty for Tuesday evenings, if that is possible.

I know that I do not need to point out to you the fact that, while we are not technically a part of the University, we do a great deal of work for the University in taking care of thousands of its students during the year. We are glad to do this as far as we possibly can, and I was especially pleased this year to see a number of boys graduate who had spent the four years with us, and done their work in the big Reference Reading room.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Locke

May 27th, 1915

Dr. T. F. Locke,

Toronto Public Library.

Dear Dr. Locke:

I have spoken to Miss Coverdry and she sees no difficulty in the way of reserving Tuesday night for the swimming class for members of the Toronto Public Library staff. The arrangements as to payment will have to be made in September, when the swimming instructor returns, and I will take the matter up with the Superintendent of Buildings.

Yours sincerely,

President.